

# THE VIGILANTE

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"We Come in Search of Truth"

## Vote January 6

The amendment to be voted upon January 6 concerning the Vigilante provides for a board of six members—one from each class. These members must have had at least one term's experience on some school paper. This board appoints four associate editors and an editor who, after the first time, will have had to have been an associate editor.

The amendment also provides for one faculty advisor other than the journalism instructor—this faculty advisor to vote in case of a deadlock.

This board, with the faculty advisors, is to have entire control of the paper.

The election this time of associate editor will proceed as usual. However, the girl who is elected must understand that if the amendment passes she will not be editor unless the board appoints her.

Another amendment is to come up this election—one providing for class treasurers and class dues. On payment of class dues, student body cards will be given as receipts.

If this amendment passes, the student body cards must be presented to gain admittance to any student body activity.

## Class Dinner Dec. 16

Encouraged by the success of the senior dance, the class of August '24 is making elaborate plans for the class dinner to be held on December 16, in the banquet hall of the Manx Hotel.

The dinner will be strictly informal, and the committee has planned a number of surprise features.

The cost per person will be one dollar, and those in the know, say it is going to be worth much more.

Most of the class has already signed up, and all those who have neglected to are asked to sign immediately.

## Correction

Foreign language is not required for Kindergarten-Primary or Elementary credential, but it is for anyone qualifying for a degree in Kindergarten-Primary, Elementary or Junior High.

In that case, if a student has not had two years of a foreign language in high school, she must complete ten units of this work.

French I and Spanish I are offered next semester, and it is urged that all students needing these courses avail themselves of this opportunity.

## Notice

Contrary to previous announcements, there will be no change in the assessment and collection of student body dues next term.

As has been the case so far, Mr. Anderson will have charge of this business. Class dues will be collected as a separate thing, and the student body cards will be issued as receipts for these class taxes.

If the new measure goes through, there will be class treasurers to attend to this.

## Big Party Tuesday

A big party is being planned in the old gym at twelve o'clock, Tuesday, December 12. Elimination dances, with prizes for the victors, will be held. Not only that, but in a booth behind drawn curtains you may have events of your past, present and future revealed to you.

This party is being sponsored by the staff of the Annual. A small admission fee will be charged.

The girls who are on the staff are working very hard to make it a success. It is urged that the students extend hearty support by going Tuesday at twelve o'clock—the more the merrier.

## Registration Plans Made

The success of registration week depends entirely upon the students. There are many opportunities for student help, and a place will be found for all those wishing to take part in this activity. Assistance is purely voluntary. Miss Vance will be glad to receive names of applicants.

The schedule for registration week, commencing January 17, will be as follows:

On Monday, January 17, the Kindergarten group of August '24 will come from 2 to 4 p. m.

On Tuesday, January 18, those of August '24 will come from 10 to 12 a. m., while those of February '24 will come from 2 to 5 p. m.

On Wednesday, January 19, August '25 will come from 10 to 12 a. m., while February '26 will come from 1 to 5 o'clock.

On Thursday, January 20, August '26 will come from 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m. Those of the upper division and the specials of January '27 will come from 2 to 4 p. m.

Miss Crompton requests that everyone broadcast to prospective students of January '27 the news that registration commences at 9 o'clock Monday morning in the new gym.

Application for entrance should be made as soon as the students receive their recommendations from high schools.

All starting next semester should make an effort to have a personal interview with Miss Crompton, rather than mail applications.

## Political Pot Boiling

Nominations are in order! Petitions are being drawn up as this paper goes to press. The controlling body of the Student Body is about to be chosen.

The officers to be elected are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, yell leader, associate editor, and associate business manager of the Vigilante. The former associate editor of the paper, Miss E. Thompson, will automatically become editor for the next term.

According to numerous active students, the matter of class treasurers and class dues will be one of the outstanding issues. Last election saw the appearance of two party factions, the Progressive and the Independent. The Independent candidates are at present in power.

A special meeting of the executive board will be called later in the week to pass on nominees. Scholarship is the chief consideration in determining the board's decision.

A period of violent campaigning will extend over the Christmas holidays, and it is probable that election will be held January 6.

## Faculty Disgraced

### In Track Meet

"Sweat for the sweets," and August '26 won the first prize, a box of candy, by walking off with sixty-five points at the indoor track meet, held in the new gym at 3:10, Thursday, December 2. The booby prize, which "wasn't" went to the faculty, which scored five points. For the individual who scored the highest there was also a prize—only in this case there were two. Miss Dunne and Miss Tray were both presented with dainty hand-made handkerchiefs. Each young lady scored the "lucky" number of thirteen points.

The meet consisted of six rounds of "planned" events. It was generously flavored with extemporaneous incidents (witness Mr. Ray tumbling head over heels after a precious orange thrown by Dr. Rypins or Mr. Mundt.) Each round was made up of four, five or six competitive events. Participants were allowed to sign up for only one event in each round. All contestants signed up with class managers before December 1. Those who managed were:

August '24—A. Boyle.

February '25—B. Hill.

August '26—O. Corrigan.

February '26—L. Savage.

August '26—E. Bolan.

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## California Club

### Scene of Big Dance

Exhibiting a stupendous array of boy friends and evening dresses, the class of August '24, as guests, and the class of February '25 as hostesses, frolicked through the annual senior dance, last Saturday evening at the California Club.

The room was decorated with ferns and yellow chrysanthemums, representing the class colors, which, with the artistic programs and panorama of pastel shaded gowns, presented an animated and pleasing picture.

One of the features of the evening was a balloon dance. The bright colored bubbles were passed out to all dancers with a re-enacting of the World War as an immediate result. No casualties were reported, however. A screaming contest was another direct result of the balloon feature. The hostesses of the evening did homage to their guests with the special August '24 dance. Only members of the graduating class were on the floor during this dance.

Adding much to the enjoyment of the evening, Miss Louise Tray did an oriental dance in appropriate costume. By special request, Miss Edna Murphy sang "I Saw You Go By" and "Will o' Wisp." Miss Murphy accompanied herself, and Miss Annette O'Neil deserves credit for her accompaniment to Miss Tray's dance.

Bob Huff and his orchestra have received much praise from the dancers for their "peppy" music. The refreshment committee served punch during the evening.

Eighty couples were present. Miss Ward, Miss Vance, Miss McFadden, Miss England, Miss Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler sponsored the affair. The committee, which worked for the success of the dance was: Willella Porter, Margaret Lawrence, Elva La Rue, Rose Nilsen, Bernice Perdue, Eunice Armstrong, and Ruth Michelson.

## August '24 Basketball Champs

With the winning of the last unlimited basketball game, August '24 is the possessor of the cup for unlimited basketball championship. August '24 defeated August '25 last Wednesday with a score of 31-13.

The players on the championship team are: C. Bachich, captain; E. Kording and B. Kelly, centers; I. Hart and V. Setenich, guards; A. Clancy and G. Bonner, forwards.

The August '24 one hundred and twenty pound team also has a good chance of again winning the 120 pound championship cup, as the team is tied with February '26. The tie will be played off on December 13. The game promises to be hard fought, for both teams are strong.

## Training School Pupils At Orpheum

"The Wishing Lady" will be presented by the Children's Theatre at the Chronicle's Christmas Party, to be held at the Orpheum on December 22.

The play will be performed in the audience; that is, some of the performers will sit among the spectators, and when the good fairy appears will make a wish for a certain character who will then materialize on the stage.

This play, with numerous other acts, will make up the entertainment which the Chronicle is giving free to all children.

## Dental Hygienists To Give Program Here

The Dental Hygienists of the University of California are planning a program to be presented in the College Auditorium some time after the Christmas vacation.

Dr. Cameron, instructor at the Dental College, conferred recently with Mr. Anderson and offered to interest the Dental Hygiene students in staging the production.

It will be trained by Dr. Mildred Nichols of the Dental College. The little play will show the value of dental cleanliness. Since every student teacher must teach this sort of thing, the performance will be very valuable. It will show an effective method for the elementary teacher to drive her hygiene lesson home to her pupils.

## Campus Blooms With Cratoegus Augustifolia

Cratoegus augustifolia and cotoneaster microphylla, or what are commonly called shrubs, have been called upon to beautify our campus.

Shrubs are the style, and as an up-to-date college, we have to be in style, so all the old flowers that had outlived their usefulness were uprooted. Now in the gardens that extend from terrace to terrace can be seen these small shrubs with the long names.

A series of small fountains of water can be seen spouting from various places in the lawn; it seems rather a mystery, for they appear to be spouting from nothing in particular, but upon investigating, the student learns that this is our new and ideal system of sprinkling. The sprinklers are all imbedded in the ground.

The student entering the grounds around the new gym will have to be cautioned to watch her step, for the materials are all on hand to establish this new watering method here, and water may at any moment spout from the bowels of the earth.

## Faculty Disgraced In Track Meet

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Faculty—Miss Anderson.

Round 1 started with all events running simultaneously. Eleven faculty members signed up, though not all turned out. Those who took part were:

Archery—Lynch, Crumpton (hit bull's eye, too.)

Quoits—McFadden, Mundt.

Jacks—Allcutt, Mayer, O'Leary.

Hop-Scoch—Moe, Vance.

The round ended with the following score:

August '24.....	11 points
February '25.....	6 points
August '25.....	9 points
February '26.....	4 points
August '26.....	24 points

Round 2 differed from round 1 in that all of the events were run in order. The faculty had a pretty good turn-out for this round also; none of them, however, seemed to favor the rolling race. Here is their line-up in the order of events:

Peanut race—McFadden, Wilson, Lynch.  
Thread-the-needle—Ray (only he could not find the needle.)

Bean pushing—Kleinecke, Moe, Allcutt, Ray (first, but disqualified.)

August '25 excelled in this round, coming out with a score of eleven points. The others scored so:

August '24.....	5 points
February '25.....	8 points
August '25.....	11 points
February '26.....	3 points
August '26.....	8 points

Round 3 was another simultaneously run affair, with the faculty represented in all but pull-up. Those who turned out were:

B. B. throw for goal—Moe, Lynch, Hale.

B. B. throw for accuracy—Anderson, Holtz, Farrell.

Broad jump—Ray, Rypins. (Mr. Butler, who was to have been the central attraction here, did not show up.)

High jump—Morse (stayed in almost to the end, too.)

Potato race—Kleinecke, Allcutt, England.

August '24 and February '26 tied for first place in this round with sixteen points each. February '25 scored eleven points, August '25 managed to get three, and August '26, one.

Since another set of races were run in round 4 all events were taken in order. "Wring the Dish Rag" was represented by the faculty only in the persons of Miss Kleinecke and Miss Wilson, Miss Farrell and Miss Dunphy. Tandem, Twister, Rocking Horse, Wheel Barrow races were left to the girls. August '26 again jumped to the lead with twenty-one points; August '24, February '25, and February '26 tied with five points each; August '25 followed with nine.

Up to now the faculty, though well represented, had not scored, but Dr. Rypins saved the day for his fellow instructors by forcing Miss Clancy and Miss Engler to take second and third places in the elbow wrestle. A very tense moment or two was experienced by both spectators and participants before Clancy was finally "subdued." The faculty actually got five points.

Only August '24 and August '25 took part in the obstacle race.

According to Miss Hale, these indoor track meets will be held every fall, and the outdoor track meet every spring.

Here is an unusual opportunity, girls; two track meets a year so that you can attend at least one. See that you do.

## Piano Courses Offered Next Semester

"Do you play the piano?" is one of the foremost questions asked when you are applying for a position as a teacher. If a person can answer "Yes," her chances are greater, for a knowledge of music is an important asset in the teaching profession.

Any student wishing to take piano lessons next term should see Miss Coolidge.

The course consists of twenty-four twenty-five minute lessons. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12 and 1 o'clock, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11, 12, and 1 o'clock. In addition, private work will be given by special arrangement. As this piano work is not in the curriculum, there will be a fee charged, which will vary according to the size of the group.

Miss Coolidge's lessons are planned especially for the practical benefit of the students. She takes beginners, girls who can not play a note, and teaches them to read, play easy music in several different keys, to transpose, and to improvise their own accompaniments for school melodies. For this work the Meissner's Melody Way book and the Progressive Music Series are used.

Miss Coolidge also takes girls who already play some, and rounds out and improves their technique. One group this semester is working on Schubert's Serenade, Indian Love Call, and other classical and standard selections.

Some of the kindergartners who can not play as well as they wish may take special lessons in marches, skips, children's songs, and others which Miss Coolidge plans for their individual needs.

## Grim Preparation For Life Proposed

Bonser says, "Education is life," therefore, declares a certain young lady of S. F. T. C., we should have a Rifle Club connected with this institution of learning.

When one delves into the subject, the student's claim appears entirely logical. Picture this dramatic life situation: A young wife (not necessarily this student, but quite possibly so) is faced with the problem of ridding herself of an unnecessary husband (this for any of a number of possible reasons, such as said husband's habit of dropping ashes on the chesterfield, hanging his hat on the parlor lamp, demanding cabbage for dinner the night company drops in, or neglecting to get tickets for the "Big Game.") Ideally, the distressed wife calls upon her past experience to solve the problem. Grasping her rifle, as she has learned to do at college, this example of complete education aims, fires and her problem is no more—a convincing example of our need for a Rifle Club.

Look further. See a struggling, young teacher before her class in the Training School. Noise, hubbub, chaos. The teacher, inspired, bethinks herself of modern education and her thorough training in the Rifle Club. She carries over her knowledge to meet the situation. Silence reigns in the classroom.

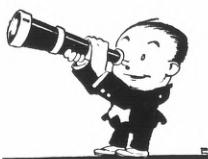
A Rifle Club is our need! Indubitably. Undoubtedly.

A request for this organization came to the Vigilante staff in a letter to the T. N. T. column. The writer seemed to be in deadly earnest.

## Notice

I would like all of the girls who took Constitution in Summer School to come to my office for their note books. These books will be destroyed if you do not come at once.

Mrs. Olive Thompson Cowell,



## HERE AND THERE

An opportunity to try their hands at cooking was afforded the students in the advisory group of Mrs. Spazio, the other night when they were invited by that instructor to her house at 945 Ashbury street.

The dinner, in which the students all had a hand, was held primarily to get them acquainted with their advisor. Roast lamb, sweet, as well as white, potatoes, green peas, salad, and banana cream cake stood out prominently on the menu.

Miss May Tviemoe, a former student here, is supervising a minstrel show which will be presented by the pupils of the Bay Point grammar school, December 10.

Miss Tviemoe is teaching the second and third grades. She says that her work is intensely interesting.

There is a deadlock between the two mighty tennis teams of February '26 and August '26. Up to date each has played four matches—and each has lost two and won two.

First and second singles and first doubles have yet to be played by August '25 and August '24. The rains caused postponement of the matches. Both of these classes have played one game. August '25 lost, and August '24 won.

Miss Farrell, physical education instructor, describes her Thanksgiving vacation at home as "just a grand time."

Miss Farrell went to Laguna Beach, thirty miles south of Long Beach, Wednesday evening, and returned Monday morning.

Miss Thompson entertained a host of her students at a recital given in Mr. Henry Cowell's studio on Grant avenue.

Mr. Schaeffer, a close friend of Mr. Cowell and Miss Thompson, is a prominent teacher of modern art in its relation to everyday life. His students decorated the studio in harmony with the composer's music.

Mr. Cowell, one of California's own, is a well known pianist, playing the piano differently from the traditional method. He is primarily a composer, creating pieces for the voice, violin, orchestra, and piano. From sentiments expressed, his original composition, "The Harp of Life," clearly shows his talent as a musician and composer.

A deep, dark secret was uncovered at the track meet last Thursday afternoon. One of our faculty members is a professional "bow and 'arre' shooter."

She can hit the bull's eye without the slightest effort. Two of the faculty had already tried, with but scant success. Miss Crumpton stepped up, aimed the trusty weapon, and shot. To the surprise of everyone—some say even to the surprise of the marksman herself—the arrow went through the very center of the target.

A greater perfection is attained each year in the plays put on by the children from the Training School, under the direction of the student teachers. This fact was brought to light when the two productions put on at the December 8 assembly were so successful.

"Two Slatterns and a King," directed

by Midge Heaney, was the first production to be staged. It met with the hearty approval of the audience.

Much merriment was exhibited by the spectators when they viewed the second production, entitled, "Cabbages and Kings," directed by Alice Roche.

On Wednesday, December 8, Catherine Clark and Winifred Storres of the Glee Club entertained the Phi Lambda Chi. The meeting place of this new club is 129 Haight street, at the Methodist Center.

The typewriter in the student body office has just been completely overhauled and is in fine condition.

It was purchased for the service of the executive board of the college. However, members of the student body may use it with the board's permission.

The Kindergarten-Primary Club held a meeting last Monday at four o'clock. All the girls were provided with needles and thread and set to sewing on Christmas stockings—the ones that will be given to the children in the Italian district.

The Christmas production to be offered by the College Theater will be Alice Riley's "The Black Suitcase." It will be given Thursday afternoon, December 16. The C. T. patrons have already found pleasant entertainment in "The Sponge" and "Their Anniversary," by the same author.

During the fall of 1927, the College Theater will present a play under the direction of Mr. Valentine.

On a certain Wednesday morn, not long passed, a sidewalk, seemingly ignorant of the finer points of etiquette, (no doubt due to bad bringing up), jumped up and bit no one less than our own student body president, Miss Ida Hurliman.

The injured lady was tripping gayly down the hill at Filbert and Larkin streets, when she was suddenly accosted by the audacious sidewalk.

Fortunately, nothing more disastrous than several skinned knees and a few cut classes resulted.

### Sewing Classes Enjoy Special Feature

Miss Spelman's sewing classes have been enjoying a special feature of their course given by the demonstrator, sent out by the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

With the aid of an assistant, the demonstrator is giving four lessons of two hours each. The first lesson took up the subject of the binder; the second, given Thursday, demonstrated the use of the tucker; and the third, to be given the following Thursday, takes up the gatherer.

The last lesson will be exceptionally beneficial and interesting, according to Miss Spelman. It will consist of the complete breaking up of a Singer Machine. This will mean that the demonstrator will do everything to the machine that a child is likely to do. It would seem that this is an almost impossible task, but the class is optimistic. After the wrecking job has been completed, the demonstrator proceeds to make a perfect machine out of the wreck. With such a lesson, these student teachers should not be dismayed by any catastrophe in the sewing room.

The Singer Company has loaned the class five machines in order that each girl can do the processes demonstrated. Visitors are very welcome, and Miss Spelman feels that anyone would gain some practical knowledge by listening to the lectures and watching the demonstrations.

## Bay Institute Held in S. F.

Teachers' Institute, the annual source of educational knowledge, is to be held in San Francisco from December 13 to 16. The institute will call together some 7700 teachers this year.

S. F. T. C. will still be in session at that date, but this will not prevent students with convenient free hours from attending many sessions. Those attending will get much of value from the lectures and demonstrations.

One of the long list of educators who will address the fifteenth annual meeting will be Dr. Thomas H. Briggs, professor of education of the teachers' college of Columbia University. Dr. Briggs will address the assemblage in the Exposition Auditorium, Tuesday afternoon, December 14, on the subject of "Emotional Attitudes." In his recent book on Curriculum Problems, the educator devoted much space to this subject.

Among the other prominent speakers on the program are: Fred C. Ayer, assistant superintendent of schools, Seattle; Paul Harvey, New York; William M. Lewis, president of George Washington University, Washington, D. C.; Jeffrey F. Morgan; M. V. O'Shea, professor of education, Wisconsin University; Frederic P. Woellner, associate professor of education, University of California, southern branch; Laura Zirbes, associate professor of elementary education, Columbia University; and Will C. Wood, superintendent of public instruction in California.

### August '26 Wins Swimming Meet

The Inter-Class Swimming Meet, held Tuesday, December 7, at Sutro, was won by August '26, which scored 16 points. February '26 took second place with 11 points; August '25 scored 9 points; and August '24, eight.

The winning team of this semi-annual swimming meet will have its name inscribed on the swimming plaque.

Miss Biachina of August '26 took first place in both the single overarm and the 50 yard dash. Miss Paulson, February 26, won the plunge. The side underarm was won by A. Freed of August '26; and the 25 yard dash by Miss Bysler of August '24.

### "Correct Dress" Class Holds Personality Show

The "Correct Dress" class is holding its regular meeting at the Emporium, ten o'clock, Tuesday morning, to view a personality show made up of class members representing various types of femininity.

Miss Mayer is selecting the clothes that emphasize type, good line, and natural coloring of the girls.

Those who worry over their size and shape will be quickly consoled after a short demonstration by the art instructor. Miss Mayer's great delight is to use color to enhance a person's natural pigmentation, to bring out the glint of gold in hair, or to deepen the velvety brown of eyes. Personality will be treated most carefully. Though a girl be a true brunette, so far as physical characteristics are concerned, she may have a negative personality. Her clothes will have to be selected accordingly.

Anyone interested in seeing this presentation, and having a free period Tuesday at ten o'clock, should see Miss Mayer about making reservations.

The music specials, under Mrs. McCauley, are working on a cantata, "The Lady of Shallott." It will be given before the student body some time after the Christmas holidays.

## T. N. T.

This column is run only as a place where public opinion may be expressed. It asks that you explode with any grievance or evil that you would like to see remedied. Place all communications in the Vigilante box in the lower hall. These communications must contain the writer's name, although it will be withheld if desired. The Vigilante assumes no responsibility for views published.

Dear Editor:

I'd like to ask a question of the people who are in favor of having class dues. Have they ever tried to get money for a class dance or dinner? Do they know how hard it is to get the members of their class to do their share of financing class affairs? I don't think they have ever met these trials or else they would see the value of class dues. C. F. W.

Dear Editor:

What is the use of learning something which we will forget in a short time? I think it is absolutely senseless, yet in nearly all high schools and colleges, including our own, it seems to be the practice.

There is a deplorable amount of cramming done in this college due to the fact that it is humanly impossible to learn well everything that is taught.

This vitally affects us as future teachers for in many counties in which we may teach, the children are required to take county examinations for which much cramming is often done. We may have courses of study which require too much, but courses of study and curriculums can be changed if teachers are strongly enough behind the movement.

I look toward a future in which children and college students will not have to waste their time learning things which they forget as soon as an examination is over.

M. C.

## Is It Are?

Is it are, or are it is?

Seven university deans can't decide, what can 900 embryo teachers do?

A railroad company in the Middle West issued some national advertising, and in it announced that "two-thirds of the oats, corn, and barley in the United States ARE grown along our right of way." Then the fun began.

The writer of the advertisement was corrected by his immediate superior, who in turn was called onto the carpet by the head of the department. It went to all the officials, and finally was referred to the masters of things philological—and they can't decide!

At the University of California, no professor would definitely declare either "is" or "are" correct. Those who say they don't know, maintain that "two-thirds," being the noun, and that "two-thirds," being collective, if it is, takes a singular verb, but—they don't know if it "is," or it "are."

Miss Effie McFadden, author of numerous English texts and member of the S. F. T. C. science department, agrees with those who can't agree—it is is or it are are.

## City Xs December 21

The San Francisco competitive examination for teachers is to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21 and December 22, at the Commerce High School.

It has been reported that the examinations are to be easier this time.

## Prof. Cures Exam. Fright

Smooth those wrinkles away, miserable ones, and smile once again, for Dr. Robert T. Legge, professor of Hygiene at the University of California, says that college examinations will hold no terrors for the student if he will observe the set of rules conceived by him.

In drawing up these rules, Dr. Legge based them on the idea that the mild hysteria which fills many a student's mind on the eve of examination is largely mental, and is therefore susceptible of dissipation. To approach an examination with calm and aplomb is simply a matter of attuning the mind.

Students must harden themselves psychologically, must learn to relax, mentally and physically, according to the doctor. They must learn to play less hard, work less hard, and think less hard. (It is probable that this last bit of advice will cause some consternation in the faculty here.) Going on, Dr. Legge says that students must learn to shove unhealthy images and ideas aside, and get back to normalcy.

The following are twelve rules which are to be students' salvation, according to their author:

1. Acquire the habit of emotional self-control. Constant repression is a source of health.

2. Harden yourself to endure slighting criticism, prejudice, dislike and even abuse. This psychological hardening is important, if the mind is to be kept unworried and healthy. Learn to realize that extreme sensitiveness is unhealthy.

3. Learn to relax. Muscular relaxation removes fatigue, both physical and mental.

4. Imitate good models. You must first realize that you are bound to imitate in almost every act of life. Surround yourself with people you want to resemble in given quantities. Keep away from all others.

5. Increase physical and mental lightness. We work too heavily, think too heavily, and play too heavily.

6. Establish health motivation principles. Be sure your ruling motives are good. Don't be imperiled by hatred and jealousy, even when good results are accomplished.

7. Establish normal relations with others, morally and socially. City dwellers often live in an abnormal world. Establish a healthy philosophy of living. Have a good goal. You may change it occasionally, but be sure of what you want to accomplish today, tomorrow, next month and in ten years.

8. Improve the senses. Exercise them. Learn to see more, hear more, taste more, smell more, and touch more accurately. Exercise your senses deliberately every day.

9. Put aside unhealthy images and ideas. Don't fight them particularly, but turn your attention to something interesting and healthy.

10. Increase accuracy in your thinking. Exercise your mind at work and at play. The good mind is both firm and swift.

11. Control your attention. Always hold wholly to the matter in hand. Your capacity will increase by this exercise.

12. Never let your attention dwell on the unclean or painful.

## Ash Cans Here

Five brand new ash cans were kindly donated to the Nyoda Club—cans in which to gather the offerings of the students for the poor.

Five shiny reminders are these ash cans, and the Nyoda Club, as well as the others who are interested, are very anxious to see them filled with canned goods, toys, books, and anything that would make a



## PERSONAL

Miss Mildred Smith has a dark secret. She is engaged, and she won't tell who HE is nor when she is to embark on the ship of matrimony. She is very shy and hasn't done any announcing, but if you doubt, look at the ring she wears on the third finger of the left hand.

Gladys Clark was a visitor at school last week. She is now teaching in Mendocino County. Because of cold weather and bad roads, schools in that section of the country have long winter vacations. Gladys will not go back until February. She is going to visit her mother in Washington in the meantime.

## Now You Ask One

"What is the project method of education?"

"When did Balboa sight the Pacific Ocean?"

"Who is S. F. B. Morse? What did he do?"

"What is habit formation?"

"Why did Columbus ever come to America, and just where did he land?"

"What do they ask in the orals?"

"Who was the tenth President of the United States?"

"What is the eighteenth amendment? Was this the last amendment?"

No, dear readers, no one has turned into a Book of Knowledge. It is just the Seniors getting ready to take the City Examinations. Many of them never heard of all of the men in the history books, but do not worry; by Christmas time they will all be walking sets of encyclopaedia.

## Faculty Want Ads

Answers to be left in faculty mail boxes.

**WANTED**—A necktie, any color as long as it is green. Dr. Biddle.

**WANTED**—Girl who has flunked "math" three times to help me correct examination papers. Mr. Boulware.

**WANTED**—Old pitch pipes. Call Park 2923 before 8 a. m. Miss Levy.

**WANTED**—Children to test with the Binet-Simon Test. Call Saturdays. Miss Holmes.

**WANTED**—Someone to care for cats during night school classes. Miss McFadden.

**WANTED**—A girl who is not dependable to ring the bells. Do not inquire if you are punctual. Miss Vance.

**WANTED**—If you are interested in looking at the constellations at night, see me. Mr. Mundt.

poor family a wee bit happier when Santa's bells are heard ringing.

The materials obtained will be sent to the social service centers, where they will be distributed to the most needy and worthy families.

Many college students have no other opportunity of sharing their bit of Christmas cheer, and so it is expected that the highly-polished containers in the halls will soon be filled to overflowing.

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## Seniors in Flurry As Graduation Nears

Letters, interviews, application blanks, pictures, examination—these are just a few of the minor details that senior students are attending to now. Smile not, ye undergraduates; your times is rapidly approaching.

The law of supply and demand is in evidence in the teaching world. The supply of teachers has surpassed the immediate demand and hence all of the graduates are availing themselves of every opportunity to obtain a position.

Many seniors have dug deeply into their scholastic funds and have extracted \$1.50, with which to join the California Teachers' Association. Membership here not only entitles them to the benefit of the placement bureau, but also embraces a year's subscription to the Sierra Educational News, a monthly magazine published by the association. A few seniors, who intend to teach a very long time, will also tell you of the pension that subscribers are able to obtain after teaching a number of years.

President Anderson has been addressing the graduates in the assembly hall every Friday at four o'clock. During the last few times he has strongly urged students to take the city examinations and has discouraged them from cramming. "You have been preparing for them for about seventeen years," says the President, "so why try to cram into your brain a hysterical mass of useless knowledge in about five weeks. Coaching is entirely unnecessary."

Interviews with Mr. Anderson have inspired many students to send letters of application to school superintendents all over the state.

A goodly number of student teachers have joined various placement bureaus, but so far there has been no mention of success from this source. These students have filled innumerable sheets telling: their age, weight, height, color of eyes and hair, whether single or married, things they can teach, etc., ad-infinitum. Surely this effort should receive some reward.

President Anderson says, "I advise every student on the best possible ways and means of obtaining a position, and it is up to them whether they take the advice or not." From the large numbers joining the C. T. A. and the goodly amount taking the city examinations, we judge the seniors are taking this advice to heart.

## The Art Club Views American Masterpieces

Under the protecting wing of Miss May er, the Art Club visited the Legion of Honor building to study the paintings of noted American artists of the last century.

This group consists of painters and sculptors of both the impressionistic school, which puts the emphasis on light and color, and the post impressionistic, which stresses volume and form.

This exhibit, part of which has been collected from several of the big Eastern galleries, and part loaned by local art lovers,

## Former Student Writes of Work

Fifty-four children, mostly Mexican, constitute the class of Miss Mary Jane Garrison, who is teaching at Copperopolis, Calaveras County. It is the typical red and white school house, with a belfry bell, spare room and mice, writes Miss Garrison to a reporter of the Vigilante.

Copperopolis, she continues, is a typical mining town of the type that Bret Harte and Mark Twain made famous in their stories. It nestles among the mountains, and constitutes the home of three hundred miners, most of which are Mexicans.

Not all is work, according to Miss Garrison. Dances are held in the town on Saturday nights, and there are several congenial families, who make life pleasant for a new teacher.

In closing she said, "I love my work and I am doing my very best to make it a success. Those lines at the end of the Guild are so impressive, I want to live up to them."

## Boys, Roll 'em Down

"Roll 'em down, roll 'em down," sang the Boys' Glee Club, and although many in the audience snickered as though they were thinking of something besides a football team, the boys were in earnest and to prove it they had a college yell for the team right in the middle of the song, which was led by one of the singers.

This all occurred at the Wednesday assembly on December 1, 1926, and that wasn't all that happened.

Besides the splendid entertainment offered by Mrs. McCauley's girls' and boys' glee club, the College Theater put on an interesting performance to advertise their play, "The Romantic Age," which was given on the following Friday night.

The College Theater then raffled off a ticket for the Friday night play, and after calling off about twenty numbers of girls who were not at the assembly, they finally called Miss L. Brown's number. She went to the stage and was presented with the ticket.

## Dr. Rypins To Direct Play

On January 14, 1927, the College Theater will offer "You Never Can Tell," a four-act play by George Bernard Shaw. Dr. Rypins, versatile member of our faculty, will direct this production.

Dr. Rypins has been a special student of drama for many years. His first appearance in any play here was at the last summer school. After this performance, he was asked to sponsor College Theatre activities.

This is to be Dr. Rypins' initial experiment in coaching a play, but he, being in a confiding mood, made the statement that during a time of his schooling, he lectured on Bernard Shaw's drama. This alone should convince you of his ability to coach and turn out a finished work.

"You Never Can Tell" is a very brilliant comedy and one of Shaw's earlier plays. From such a brilliant and outstanding figure as George Bernard Shaw, a most excellent play is assured.

affords the people of San Francisco the rare opportunity of viewing the paintings of such artists as John Singer Sargent, James McNeil Whistler, and Arthur B. Davies. California claims one outstanding notable, William Ritschell.

The club was so enthusiastic that a future trip is being planned. Visitors are always welcome on these excursions.

## Faculty Discussion Group Doing Interesting Work

At exactly twelve o'clock every Thursday day about fifteen Teachers College instructors escort a tray of lunch, purchased at the "caf," to Room 7, there to engage in interesting discussion of the problems of current importance in the field of elementary education. These live-wire pedagogues are endeavoring "to determine the place of the Frederic Burk system in progressive education which characterizes modern thought throughout the world today," says Mr. Valentine, who is acting chairman.

The discussions are of the free-for-all type, no one person taking the lead. If this pace is kept up, it will not be very long until there is written up a code of progressive education, which would be in keeping with the fundamental principles of the Frederic Burk system. The writing of this code has been started, but, since this is the initial drafting, it is very ununified and pliable. In other words, it is in its infancy.

This gathering is open to all instructors. At present, however, most of those who have been attending are interested in the Education courses; that is, those who are directly interested in the teaching of the grades. This enterprising group of faculty members has been meeting thus for about six weeks. Obviously, all concerned have profited.

## Press Association of State Colleges To Be Organized

Plans for a state college press association were made at the San Jose State Teachers College recently when three college editors met to organize a press association and competition. The editors who drew up the plan are: Alexander L. Crosby, editor of the Aztec of San Diego State College, William G. Sweeney, State College Times editor at San Jose, and Alfred T. Tomlinson, editor of the Santa Barbara State Eagle.

This college newspaper group decided that a press competition will take place this year. The various Teachers Colleges of the state will probably compete for honors at the end of the college year.

It is planned to have an annual convention of the press association, the first to be held in February, at which representatives can be had from all state colleges in the association. The scope of the newly organized association will be at first limited to state colleges. Then the organization will expand into a larger and stronger press combination.

To insure co-operation between colleges, a completion of the present exchange system will be first undertaken, after which official monthly publications of the association will be contributed to for the use of the editors. This publication will be contributed to by the editors, and will serve as a rudimentary newspaper. Publication of the small journal will be alternated among the members, who will each publish an issue. It will be mimeographed at first.

Definite commencement of organization activity will not take place until January. Santa Barbara was appointed the temporary quarters of the press association.

## Notice—Finals

Final examinations in Social Science will be held Saturday, January 8 at 9 o'clock.

Final examinations in Sub Collegiate English and Written Form will be held at 12:00 Saturday, January 8.

All other examinations will be scheduled in regular class periods.

## Miss Anderson Entertains

Miss Anderson recently entertained at her home, the girls of her August '25 advisory group—those whose surnames begin with A, B, C, and D.

Despite the heavy downpour of rain, thirty girls accepted the invitation.

The afternoon was spent in playing games, such as the "peanut race," which Orpha Corrigan won very easily; a guessing game, which gave Miss Christensen an excellent chance to display her ability to guess; and a simple card game, "Michigan," in which Dorothy Baker showed her adaptability to arithmetic.

Creamed chicken encased in patty cups, cake, ice-cream, and candy were served at five o'clock.

Each girl was given a pretty, hand-painted silk "hankie," which Miss Anderson and Miss Holmes had the fun of making.

## Chemistry Essays Get English Credit

"The chemistry essays of those taking part in the national chemistry contest can be substituted for one or probably more essays in English I," said Miss Kleinecke, speaking for the faculty of the English Department. This certainly should appeal to the ambitious essayist of first year English.

Calvin Coolidge, in his address to the American Chemical Society, said, "Wherever we look, the work of the chemist has raised the level of our civilization, and has increased the productive capacity of the nation."

This prize Essay Contest, held under the auspices of the American Chemical Society, is entering upon its fourth year. Its aim is to promote a profitable co-operation between English and Science. It has stimulated a new interest on the part of the student in reading and acquiring a facility to use the library, and has brought about a new conception of science.

Six prizes of \$1,000 each have been provided. They will be awarded to those college and university freshmen who write the best essays on designated subjects, in accordance with the following rules:

1. A contestant may submit only one essay.
2. Essays must not exceed 2,500 words.
3. Essays must be confined to the following subjects:
  - (a) The Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease.
  - (b) The Relation of Chemistry to the Enrichment of Life.
  - (c) The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or Forestry.
  - (d) The Relation of Chemistry to the Home.
  - (e) The Relation of Chemistry to the Development of An Industry or a Resource of the United States.
4. Essays must be written in ink or typed double-space. Paper, 8½x11 inches.
5. All quotations must be in quotation marks.
6. Duplicates of essays will not be accepted.
7. The college contest is a national contest.
8. Essays due March 1, 1927.
9. Full rights to publish any essay submitted are reserved by the American Chemical Society.

The prizes for Teachers' College students are: six prizes of \$500, six prizes of \$300, and six of \$200.

There are many valuable books in the library here. Mr. Stanley Morse, of the Physical Science department, has a long bibliography, that will be of great value to any contestant. Mr. Morse is in charge of the contest for this college.

## Home Economics Offers New Opportunity

Two of the most interesting courses to be offered next semester will be given by the Home Economics department, for in them not only the theory but the actual practice will be taken up. These are the two one-unit courses in sewing. Cooking also has been reorganized to fill a more practical demand.

Two courses will be given in sewing—Elementary Sewing, H. E. 9, and Advanced Sewing, H. E. 10. Any student is eligible to take these courses. Fundamental principles of sewing are applied to practical and useful articles, garments, etc.

The department will offer a course in Elementary Cookery, H. E. 5. Any student is eligible for this course. It is especially adapted to the needs of those students who wish to specialize, but did not have the fundamental high school credit in laboratory cookery. This course gives the principles of food preparation and meal planning in a simple practical way. Nothing is made in small portions. When students bake a cake the whole portion for a family is made. The cake is then taken to the cafeteria, where it is sliced and sold to the students. When these young student cooks go home they are qualified to make a cake that will serve the entire family.

For those who are majoring in Home Economics, classes in food and textile chemistry are held in connection with cookery.

Miss Spelman said, when interviewed, that she had fifteen majors this section, and that they had all had a most enjoyable time because they all grew to know each other very well in such a small group. She went on to say that a course in experimental cookery was offered. This should prove a very popular branch of the art to girls who blushingly reply "No" when asked if they expect to teach long.

At a recent meeting of the P. T. A., classes in the training school, under the direction of Miss Rowe and Miss Syme, students who have taken Miss Spelman's courses, served sandwiches and tea for refreshments. The sandwiches were cut round and thin, and were so attractively decorated that they won the praise of every one. The parents were delighted to witness such a material evidence that the children were not only acquiring knowledge of the "three R's," but the practical arts as well.

## Heavenly Reward For Library Assistants

"You'll get your reward in heaven," promises President Anderson, to the thirty-two student teachers who are working in the Children's Library without credit.

However, many people are inclined to believe that these workers will reap the benefits of their labor long before they get to heaven, because of the splendid training they are receiving under Mrs. Woods' supervision.

"The girls are really getting a practical course in the management and organization of a library," says Mrs. Woods, "and I feel sure it will help them in their experience in the school world."

Eleven of the thirty-two students are freshman girls, and they are getting their first contact with the children's books, and, consequently, with the children. The remaining number of students are older students, who are specializing in English and realize the necessity of knowing well the books that children can read profitably.

So, although these girls are doing this work without any actual number of credits, it is the opinion of them all that they are reaping benefits, in spite of the lack of unit credit.

## What Shall I Give?

Here they are. Books of all kinds for big and little people.

Miss Fleming, knowing that books always make acceptable Christmas gifts, has given a few choice suggestions. Our librarian promises that a longer list will be put on the bulletin boards before the holidays.

Perhaps Uncle Jack or Cousin Mark would enjoy "The Arcturus Adventure," the Zoological Society's first oceanographic expedition, or the first volume of "Our Times, the United States, 1900-1925." Better still, Beer's "The Mauve Decade," the title of which was suggested by Whistler's remark quoted in the preface: "Mauve? Mauve is just pink trying to be purple."

The feminine members of the family will probably enjoy "Her Son's Wife," by D. C. Fisher, or "A Daughter of the Samurai," which depicts the life of Etsu Sugimoto in Japan and in America. "The Charwoman's Shadow" ought to captivate some maiden aunt's heart. Although a novel, it is of the stuff of which poetry is made, fantastic and exquisite, with a delicate love story running through it. For an artistic cousin, "Art for Amateurs and Students," which is really a guide to the development of good taste, ought to be appreciated.

To satisfy the boys' "insatiable curiosity," "Modern Aladdins and Their Magic" will surely do the trick. Since fairies and poetry fascinate most children, "Fairies and Friends," by Rose Fyleman, and "Silver Pennies," by B. T. Jennings, will be found charming. For the youngster who is hard to please, "Made-to-Order Stories," by D. C. Fisher, ought to be interesting. "Suppose We Play," by Phoebus Clark, will be a joy to children who like to organize both indoor and outdoor games, charades, thinking, writing, and singing games. "Shen of the Sea," by A. B. Chisman, gives much pleasure to the adventurously inclined youngster. The less obstreperous child will surely enjoy "Winnie—the Pooh," by A. A. Milne.

## Miss Holmes Entertains Advisory Group

Miss Holmes held an informal tea for her February '25 advisory group, in her home, recently.

Most of the time was spent in playing games which called forth memory and skill, especially advertisements, which consisted of guessing the names and slogans of popular illustrations.

Evidently, Miss Holmes simply could not get away from the classroom influence, for she passed out paper and pencils in the approved style, set a time limit, and put the honor system into effect. So many flunked the game, that a consolation prize, a pretty "hankie," was awarded each girl.

Miss McFadden and Miss Anderson spent many hours helping Miss Holmes make the hand-painted georgette favors.

Pretty bobs were endangered when "snipping the peanuts" was started.

Late in the afternoon, the girls were served refreshments fit for a queen: chicken patties, ice cream, cake, candy and tea. The matrimonial cake, which is always expected at an English party, was made of flakey pastry with a fruit filling. Coins, and ladies' buttons, thimbles, engagement and wedding rings are inserted.

The climax of the party was reached when Dorothy Boyesen received an engagement ring.

It is of significance to note that Miss Mildred Bennett had the distinction of sitting on Miss Ward's knee.

"The purpose of the party was to get acquainted with the girls, socially," said Miss Holmes.

Judging from reports, she succeeded most admirably.